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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All these things will be considered when action is taken finally when it is known what action is desired to be taken."

Report of the Special Malaria Officer on the investigation of malaria in the Puttur taluk.

* 124 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action the Government propose to take on the report of the Special Malaria Officer on the investigation of malaria in the Puttur taluk of South Kanara.

A.—The report of the Special Malaria Officer on malaria survey in the Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, has been communicated to the Puttur Taluk Board for necessary action.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the taluk board has applied to the Government to provide them with funds for carrying out this work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not remember ; I want notice."

Change of the composition and revision of the Advisory Committees constituted for the District Headquarters Hospitals.

* 125 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether, in view of the unsatisfactory functioning of the Advisory Committees constituted for the district headquarters hospitals, the Government propose to change the composition and revise the functions of these committees so as to make them do better work ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, P.H., dated the 26th June 1929, laid on the table.[a]

Locally made cots and food wagons for the hospitals.

* 126 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have examined the question of getting made locally cots and food wagons of the pattern required for hospitals ?

A.—The question of obtaining hospital cots of local manufacture is being examined. As regards food wagons, it has been decided that those of local manufacture may be used and they are being used.

Registration

Appointments made by the Inspector-General of Registration within the last eighteen months.

* 127 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all appointments made by Inspector-General of Registration within the last eighteen months ?

A.—The information has been called for.

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Mr. P. Anjaneyulu :—" May I know when the hon. Minister asked the Inspector-General for this information ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" I do not know exactly when the reference was made ; it must be on receipt of the question."

Transfer of the officers of the Registration department.

* 128 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any rule to the effect that officers of the Registration department should be transferred from a place after having served three years therein ; and

(b) if not, why not ?

A.—(a) & (b) No, and the necessity for such a rule has not been felt.

Particulars regarding the registration districts of Palghat, Calicut, Tellicherry and South Kanara.

* 129 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to give the following particulars in regard to each one of the registration districts of Palghat, Calicut, Tellicherry and South Kanara—

(a) the number of registration offices ;

(b) average area of jurisdiction per office in square miles ;

(c) average population per office ;

(d) the number of registering officers ;

(e) average area per officer ;

(f) average population per officer ; and

(g) the receipts, expenditure and surplus income, if any, during the last three years ?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Agriculture

Establishment of an experiment station for testing the utility of artificial manures.

* 130 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the progress made in the establishment of an experiment station for testing the effect of artificial manures on the yield of crops like paddy, cotton and cholam and their nutritive value ?

A.—The Government have sanctioned the conduct of experiments with artificial manures for a period of five years at the Paddy Breeding Station, Maruteru, and work will for the present be confined to the paddy crop. The necessary land has been leased and the experiments have been started. The hon. Member's attention is invited to the Press Communiqué published at page 634 of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd April, for details of the scheme. No experiments on nutritive values are contemplated in this station.